

### REMARKS

In the Restriction Requirement mailed March 19, 2008, the Examiner has restricted the claims into two groups:

Group I: Claims 1-10, drawn to a positive resist composition, classified in class 430, subclass 270.1; and

Group II: Claims 11-12, drawn to a method of forming a resist pattern using a lithography process, classified in class 430, subclass 326.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect Group II, claims 11-12, for prosecution on the merits. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the claims of Group I in a divisional application. Claim 12 has been canceled. New claims 13-22 have been added, all of which depend either directly or indirectly on claim 11. Thus, new claims 13-22 are properly included in elected Group II. Support for new claims 13-22 may be found in original claims 1-10. Thus, no new matter has been added.

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No fees are believed to be due. However, please charge any fees, including any fees for extensions of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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